

Zany Puppetina

designed by Jil Eaton
from *Jil Eaton's Knitting School*

Classic Elite Yarns

The Yarn

MinnowMerino is a super-soft, machine-washable, worsted-weight yarn. The loose twist of this single-ply, extra-fine merino allows for quick knits that are cozy and lightweight and will keep you warm. The yarn is great for Jil's kids' designs, past and present, and it's also wonderful for just about anything you'd like to make in a worsted-weight yarn. MinnowMerino comes in a generous color palette that includes colors for both for adult and children's garments.

SIZES: One size

Finished Measurements: 10" long

MATERIALS:

MinnowMerino by **Jil Eaton/Classic Elite** (100% superfine merino; 50 gram hank = approx 77 yards)

- 1 hank MC 4794 Jade
- 1 hank A 4758 Rogue
- 1 hank B 4789 Pinque
- 1 hank C 4788 Tangerine
- 1 hank D 4755 Cerise

Needles:

- One pair size 8 (5 mm)

Or size to obtain gauge.

- Two ¾" buttons
- Tapestry Needle

GAUGE: 18 sts and 36 rows = 4" in Garter Stitch. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

ABBREVIATIONS:

K2tog: Knit two stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

rep: repeat

st(s): Stitch(es)





PUPPET:

Cast on 38 stitches.

Knit 8 rows.

Next row: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Rep the last 9 rows 7 times more—22 sts.

Knit 2 rows.

Next row: K2tog, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

Rep last 3 rows once more—18 sts.

Next row: K2tog across.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread through remaining 9 sts.

FINISHING

Tongue: Cut six 12" strands of A. Tie a knot near one end and make a braid using double strands. Tie another knot near the end of the braid.

Mane: Wrap one strand each of B, C and D around four fingers twenty times. Cut loops at one end and sew opposite end of strands into seam of puppet as follows: with RS facing, pull long tail of MC snug and sew back seam while securing tongue at front of puppet, and mane between 2" from front and 4" from back of puppet.

Sew on button eyes and block piece to measurements.



This Zany Puppetina pattern is from Jil's newest book, *Jil Eaton's Knitting School: The Complete Guide to Becoming a Confident Knitter*. In the book, Jil Eaton guides you through the wonderfully varied world of knitting from proper gauging to creating lace, helping you investigate the possibilities and discover what works best for you.

With 18 years of teaching and design experience and a popular column in *Knit Simple* magazine, Jil is a true master of the craft. Nineteen lessons and corresponding charming QuickKnit projects will reveal the marvels she can help you create with just two sticks and some yarn.

Jil Eaton's Knitting Schools is available from Potter Craft at yarn stores and bookstores throughout the United States and Canada.